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NEA/RA:SHOLLY  
CUSTOMS:DBANOWETZ  
DEA/ENOM:CCOOK (SUBS)  
S/NM:DASOHLIN  
DESIRED DISTRIBUTION  
US CUSTOMS, DEA

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 019198

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, PK

SUBJECT: OPERATION POKER

REF: ISLAMABAD 0492

1. ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED OPERATION OUTLINED IN REFTTEL  
BEING COORDINATED BETWEEN STATE, DEA AND US CUSTOMS.  
FULLY RECOGNIZING SUGGESTED TIME FRAME AS THE PERIOD OF  
GREATEST ANTICIPATED RESULTS, SHORT LEAD TIME RENDERS  
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TARGETTED INITIATION DATE OF FEBRUARY 1, 1978, IMPRACTICAL.  
SUGGEST PROJECT BE UNDERTAKEN MARCH 1, 1978, THROUGH  
MAY 31, 1978.

2. EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THIS TYPE OF 3 MONTH EXERCISE  
IN LATIN AMERICA AND PAST PAKISTANI PERFORMANCE LEAD US  
NOT TO WANT TO RUSH INTO AN OPERATION WHICH MIGHT USE

CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES WITHOUT PREPARATION. SINCE THERE IS AN APPARENT ADVANTAGE TO INITIATE THE ACTIVITY DURING THE "QUIET WATER" PERIOD WE ARE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE IT AS A FEASIBILITY PROJECT TO HELP DETERMINE WHETHER COMMODITIES SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE CUSTOMS AND AS A PRELIMINARY BASIS IN PLANNING ANY MORE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM WITH PAKISTANI CUSTOMS. TREATING THIS AS A FEASIBILITY STUDY ALLOWS S/NM TO FINANCE ITS

PARTICIPATION OUT OF ITS GENERAL PROGRAM SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET, OBTAINING THE NEED FOR A SPECIFIC PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE GOP.

3. THERE ARE SEVERAL POINTS WE WISH CLARIFIED BOTH IN TERMS OF OPERATION POKER AND TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT WE MAY EVENTUALLY FURNISH CUSTOMS IN KARACHI.

(A) WHAT FOLLOW-ON PLANS ARE THERE TO ENSURE THAT "POKER" WILL PROVIDE LONGER RANGE RESULTS. IS THERE OR WILL THERE BE A GOP COMMITMENT TO EXPAND AND CARRY ON THESE TYPE OPERATIONS FOLLOWING TRIAL PERIOD?

(B) JEEPS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (I.E. WALKIE-TALKIES) HAVE BEEN FURNISHED THE PNCB UNDER THE INC PROGRAM. COULD CUSTOMS BORROW ANY OF THESE FOR USE IN "POKER"? DOES CUSTOMS HAVE OTHER RADIO EQUIPMENT IT CAN CONFIDENTIAL

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USE FOR THIS PROJECT?

(C) PLEASE EXPLAIN THE NEED FOR A BOAT HANDLER. OUTLINE TYPES OF TRAINING HE WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE.

(D) IF A LAUNCH WERE TO BE PURCHASED WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW SPECIFICATION SUCH AS HOW MANY MEN IT WOULD HAVE TO CARRY, CRUISING RANGE AND SPEED REQUIRED, TYPE OF ENGINE, LENGTH, WIDTH, ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT IT SHOULD INCLUDE, GENERAL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH OPERATED, ETC.

(E) WOULD CUSTOMS BE ABLE TO PICK UP THE COST OF GAS AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE BOAT?

(F) IS PER DIEM REQUIRED FOR PAKISTANI CUSTOMS AGENTS BEING ASSIGNED TO THE OPERATION, AND IF SO HAS GOP AGREED TO PROVIDE IT?

4. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EXPERTISE IN AREAS SUCH AS SHIP RUMMAGING AND PATROLLING, AND TO HELP ASSESS TYPES OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ASSISTANCE TO PAK CUSTOMS, REQUEST EMBASSY CONCURRENCE IN THE TDY ASSIGNMENT OF

A US CUSTOMS OFFICER TO ASSIST SAIC DINIUS DURING  
DURATION OF OPERATION POKER.

5. S/NM AGREES TO COVER COSTS OF RENTAL EQUIPMENT (PER  
PARA 15C OF REFTTEL - \$13,800) PROVIDED VEHICLES CANNOT  
BE OBTAINED FROM PNCB. DEA WILL COVER COSTS OF PE/PI,  
OPERATIONS, AND BOAT HANDLER (PER PARA 15 A, B, C)  
PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT (PARA 15 D) IS DEFERRED PENDING  
RESULTS OF THE OPERATION. VANCE

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